(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration for setting up of a High Court Bench at Dibrugarh in upper Assam; and

(b) what is the present position of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGLAM): (a) and (b) The Governor of Assam had, in support of a resolution of All Assam Lawyers Association, recommended in March this year that at least a Circuit Bench of the High Court of Gauhati should be set up to dispose off cases in the districts. The Governor was informed that according to Section 31(3) of the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971 the Judges and Division Courts of the High Court may be set up at such other place or places as the Chief Justice may, with the approval of the Governor appoint. In view of this the Chief Justice could take the appropriate action with the approval of the Governor. The State Government may have to be consulted as they have to provide the necessary infra-structure.

Vacant posts of Judges in Guwahati High Court

1060. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of posts of judges lying vacant in the Cuwahati High Court;

(b) the time since when these vacancies are lying;

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to fill up these vacancies; and

(d) by when these are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) The sanctioned strength of the Guwahati High Court is 13 permanent Judges. At present, 12 permanent Judges are in position leaving 1 vacancy of a permanent Judge which arose on 22-3-91.

The process of consultation to fill up the existing vacancy is on. It is not possible to indicate precisely by when this post is likely to be filled up.

युवतियों का व्यापार

1061. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** :क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को युवतियों के व्यापार के बारे में कोई सूचना प्राप्त हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान, राज्य-वार ऐसी कितनी घटनाओं की जानकारी मिली है ; और

(ग) इस अनैतिक व्यापार को रोकने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ?

युवा कार्य तथा खेल और महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (कु० ममता बैनर्जी) : (क) और (ख) भारत सरकार को महिलाओं के अनैतिक व्यापार के बारे में जानकारी है । इसने ऐसे ही व्यापार को रोकने और इसे नियंत्रित करने के लिए अनैतिक पणन (दमन) अधिनियम, 1956 बनाया है । इस अधिनियम की राज्य सरकारों/केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश प्रशासनों द्वारा कार्यान्वित किया जाता है । पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अनैतिक पणन (दमन) अधिनियम के अंतर्गत रजिस्टर्ड मामले दर्शाने वाला एक विवरण संलग्न है ।